

## CLAIMS

- 1 1. A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name, said method  
2 comprising the steps of:
  - 3 identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
  - 4 ascertaining the name of said superior resource;
  - 5 truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;
  - 6 obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;
  - 7 appending said first counter number to said truncated name to form a first  
8 appended name; and
  - 9 assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said step of truncating comprises a step of  
2 dropping the last  $n$  characters of said superior resource name, where  $n \geq 3$ .
- 1 3. The method of claim 1 further including the steps of:
  - 2 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number;
  - 3 appending said second counter number to said truncated name to form a  
4 second appended name; and
  - 5 assigning said second appended name to a second subordinate resource.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3 wherein said counter numbers are at least three digits in  
2 length.
- 1 5. A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name, said method  
2 comprising the steps of:
  - 3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
  - 4 ascertaining the name of said superior resource;
  - 5 obtaining a first counter number of  $n$  digits from a global counter;
  - 6 substituting said counter number for  $n$  characters in said superior resource  
7 name to form a first name; and

8                    assigning said first name to said first subordinate resource.

1    6.        The method of claim 5 wherein  $n \geq 3$ .

1    7.        The method of claim 5 further including the steps of:

2                    incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number; and  
3                    substituting said second counter number in said superior resource name to  
4                    form a second name; and  
5                    assigning said second name to a second subordinate resource.